



# Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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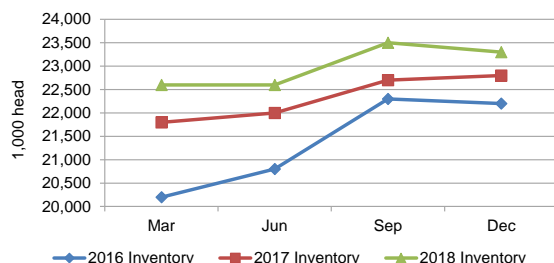
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On December 1, 2018, there were 23.3 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory is up 2 percent from the previous year, and is a record December 1 inventory.

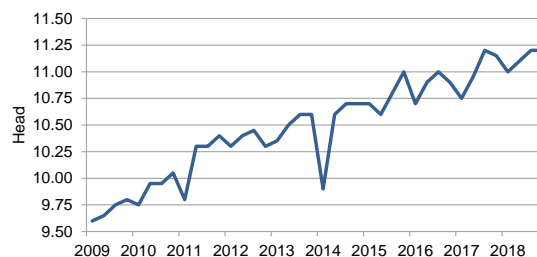
The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.27 million head, down 112,000 head from the previous quarter but 2 percent above last year. A total of 560,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.20, equal to last quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 520,000 sows and gilts in the December 2018-February 2019 quarter and 520,000 head during the March-May 2019 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory  
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Quarterly Litter Rate  
Iowa: 2009-2018**



## Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois .....	530	560	106	4,870	4,740	97	5,400	5,300	98
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>21,800</b>	<b>22,280</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>23,300</b>	<b>102</b>
Minnesota .....	570	570	100	7,930	8,330	105	8,500	8,900	105
Missouri .....	450	470	104	2,950	3,080	104	3,400	3,550	104
Nebraska .....	430	440	102	3,170	3,060	97	3,600	3,500	97
North Carolina .....	900	900	100	8,100	8,200	101	9,000	9,100	101
United States .....	6,179	6,326	102	66,966	68,225	102	73,145	74,550	102

## Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois .....	1,550	1,480	1,480	1,500	920	910	920	850
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,220</b>
Minnesota .....	2,720	2,790	2,350	2,400	1,600	1,830	1,260	1,310
Missouri .....	1,450	1,550	560	550	445	510	495	470
Nebraska .....	1,030	1,030	840	790	640	610	660	630
North Carolina .....	3,190	3,190	1,790	1,780	1,570	1,600	1,550	1,630
United States .....	21,407	21,599	18,544	18,932	13,925	14,412	13,089	13,282

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

### Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through September 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. The net revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop.

### Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: December 1

Million head

